

Table 104. Personal crimes of violence, 2002:

[Download spreadsheet version](#)Percent of reasons for not reporting victimizations to the police,
by victim-offender relationship and type of crime

Relationship and type of crime	Number of reasons for not reporting	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
		Total	Reported to another official	Private or personal matter	Object recovered; offender unsuccessful	Not important enough	Insurance would not cover	Not aware crime occurred until later
Involving strangers								
Crimes of violence	1,457,920	100 %	13.3 %	18.6 %	19.2 %	6.5 %	0.2 %*	0.3 %*
Rape/Sexual assault/a	45,960	100 %	0.0 *	5.0 *	26.9 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	8.9 *
Robbery	120,830	100 %	8.7 *	2.3 *	10.2 *	1.8 *	2.3 *	0.0 *
Assault	1,291,130	100 %	14.2	20.6	19.7	7.1	0.0 *	0.0 *
Involving nonstrangers								
Crimes of violence	1,647,970	100 %	20.5	24.5	12.9	3.8	0.0 *	0.6 *
Rape/Sexual assault/a	87,720	100 %	4.1 *	10.5 *	0.0 *	5.8 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Robbery	75,190	100 %	9.4 *	14.3 *	11.6 *	11.5 *	0.0 *	0.0 *
Assault	1,485,050	100 %	22.0	25.9	13.7	3.3	0.0 *	0.6 *

Relationship and type of crime	Percent of reasons for not reporting						
	Unable to recover property; no ID no.	Lack of proof	Police would not want to be bothered	Police inefficient, ineffective, or biased	Fear of reprisal	Too inconvenient or time consuming	Other reasons
Involving strangers							
Crimes of violence	0.0 %*	5.3 %	6.9 %	4.6 %	3.1 %	3.5 %	18.7 %
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	0.0 *	7.1 *	7.1 *	4.6 *	0.0 *	40.3 *
Robbery	0.0 *	17.8 *	6.4 *	26.6	5.7 *	4.4 *	14.0 *
Assault	0.0 *	4.4	6.9	2.4	2.8	3.5	18.4
Involving nonstrangers							
Crimes of violence	0.6 *	1.1 *	3.1	1.7 *	6.0	1.7 *	23.6
Rape/Sexual assault/a	0.0 *	3.7 *	0.0 *	0.0 *	41.1	0.0 *	34.7
Robbery	3.9 *	10.2 *	13.7 *	3.9 *	3.0 *	3.4 *	15.2 *
Assault	0.5 *	0.4 *	2.7	1.7 *	4.1	1.7 *	23.4

Note: Detail may not add to total shown because of rounding.

Some respondents may have cited more than one reason for not reporting victimizations to the police.

*Estimate is based on about 10 or fewer sample cases.

a/Includes verbal threats of rape and threats of sexual assault.